## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re Application of :

KUWAIT PORTS AUTHORITY,

: Case No.: 20-mc-00046(ALC)

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Petitioner for an Order Pursuant to : 28 U.S.C. § 1782 to Conduct Discovery for : Use in a Foreign Proceeding :

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## **DECLARATION OF JACOB KAPLAN**

Jacob Kaplan, declares under penalty of perjury pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

- 1. I am a partner in the New York City office of Baker McKenzie LLP, an international law firm. I am licensed to practice law in New York, and am admitted to practice in this Court.
- 2. I represent the Kuwait Ports Authority ("KPA"), one of the limited partners in The Port Fund L.P. (the "Port Fund"). I submit this declaration in support of the ex parte application of KPA (the "KPA Application") for an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782, and in support of KPA's consolidated opposition to the Port Fund's consolidated motion to intervene and opposition to the KPA Application.
- 3. I am familiar with the information set forth in this declaration from either personal knowledge or on the basis of documents that I have prepared and/or reviewed.
- 4. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence with inhouse counsel for E\*Trade related to the KPA Application.
- 5. Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of an April 1, 2020 letter from Herbert Smith Freehills to Kathy Chin of Crowell & Moring LLP, counsel for the Port Fund, with its enclosures.

- 6. Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the article by Zachary Mider, Ben Elgin, & Joe Light, Kuwaiti Cash Fuels a Surge of Misleading U.S. Media Coverage, BLOOMBERG (Jan. 9, 2020), accessed at https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-01-09/kuwaiti-cash-fuels-a-surge-ofmisleading-u-s-media-coverage, on June 19, 2020.
- 7. On May 19, 2020, the Court entered an order [ECF 17] approving the substitution of counsel for KPA.
  - 8. Attached as **Exhibit 4** is a revised draft subpoena *duces tecum* to Citibank N.A.
- 9. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is a revised draft subpoena *duces tecum* to E\*Trade Financial Corporation.
  - 10. Attached as **Exhibit 6** is a revised proposed order granting the KPA Application.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 3, 2020 in New York, New York.

Jacob Kaplan